

Indian Lake Shores Fire District Annual Meeting August 21, 2016

1. **The meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM**, by president Pat J Giarrusso. The president thanked everyone for coming and commented that it was nice to see a larger than average turnout.
2. There were 30 residents in attendance.
3. **The minutes of the 2015 annual meeting** were distributed and reviewed. As there were no corrections, additions or deletions, J. Eastwood made a motion to accept the minutes, S. Westin seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.
4. **The treasurer's report** was distributed and reviewed. The district can celebrate having 0 delinquent tax payers at the time of the meeting. Expenditures and Expenses were discussed and as there were no disputes or revisions to be made, the minutes were accepted after a motion made by N. Sinchuk and seconded by L. McGrath.
5. **The proposed budget**, including the proposed tax rate for the coming fiscal year was presented to all and discussed. On a motion made by N. Mowbray and seconded by J. Eastwood, the tax rate was approved.
6. **The President's Report**
 - a. Pat reported that a property owner who could not attend the meeting had sent an email to the council with some concerns:
 - People were seen fishing off the dock which is not allowed and dangerous to swimmers.
 - People were seen launching kayaks and boats from the beach which is also not allowed and also potentially dangerous.
 - Alcoholic beverages are being consumed in the community areas, which is prohibited
 - Dogs have been seen frequently on the beach, despite the signs that say no dogs allowed.

Property owners at the meeting confirmed that all of the above mentioned have been witnessed by them. It was reported that due to the low level of the water, it is difficult to launch kayaks etc from the dock. After encouraging the residents to document and to call the police if the behaviors appear out of control, it was decided that the signs would be reviewed and any additions made to inform people of the rules.

b. J. Bessette reported on the status of a proposed berm to be built on the north beach to eliminate or alleviate the erosion of the beach. The few ideas presented by professionals are expensive and not guaranteed. The most promising person stated that he would need to see what happens when there is a big rain. A resident suggested videotaping the next rainstorm. This was accepted as a good idea and we will proceed from there

c. George and Jane Tarring reported on the water testing that they do. The lake is in good shape. Some questions were presented and answered. The Tarrings were thanked for their diligence and dedication to this process.

d. There is no new progress on our efforts to have UFD handle the fire taxation process.

e. The geese population has been reduced thanks to the efforts of our "Geese Patrol"

f. S. Westin will take care of getting us indexed on Google, to ensure that we can be found on the web.

g. Some limbs from a tree on the north beach property recently fell on a renter's vehicle. Discussion ensued on the responsible parties for damages, clean up and the potential removal of the tree. President Pat is getting estimates and opinions from 3 experts

New Business

The council is accepting bids for repair of the south beach dock. Only 1 bid has come in so far.

Residents expressed a desire to gather some information on having benches at both beaches, as we have had in the past. N. Sinchuk and T. will gather information to determine if they can be made within our budget.

The basketball hoop at the playground is in need of a new hoop. Volunteers agreed to take care of this at little or no cost.

The Village at Indian Lake has requested our support for their actions against the loud noise from the gun club adjacent to the Village.

Community Concerns

- There was a lengthy discussion of the deplorable condition of the north beach. It was acknowledged that the council is trying to find a way to correct the problem, but there is a more immediate need for the beach to be useable to residents. L. McGrath agreed to look into the cost of having the landscaper remove debris and "groom" the beach to a condition that can be enjoyed.
- Residents expressed concern about the removal of trees on the other side of the lake. When the Village at Indian Lake was created, it was agreed that a tree barrier would be erected. They were directed to call DEM.

Election of Officers

President Pat reported that the council has been made up of the same few people for a very long time. Pat L. Giarrusso is stepping down as secretary, but John Mycroft will take her place. Jim Eastwood will step into John's role as vice president. Pat asked for some new members at large. 3 people agreed to step in. A motion was made and seconded to accept the council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat L. Giarrusso
Secretary, Indian Lake Shores